

# Rabo Community Fund Impact Report

Q2, 2024 Australia



## Rabo Client Council Meetings

**12** out of **28**  
meetings

12 April – Central & Northern New South Wales (in Sydney)  
5 June – Northern Queensland & Northern Territory (virtual)  
6 June – Riverina & Northern Victoria (virtual)  
14 June – South Australia & North-West Victoria (in Adelaide)  
20 June – Central & Northern New South Wales (virtual)

*Pictured: Western Australia Rabo Client Council March Meeting*



## Financial Skills Workshops

**13** out of **33**  
workshops

\* Year to date

**260**  
participants

\* Year to date

*Pictured: Financial Skills Workshop in Charters Towers during March*



## When Bee Foundation attended Sydney office to help create awareness and threats to bees

On May 23, The When Bee Foundation Director Jodie Goldsworthy joined Rabobank Head Office staff for a Q&A session and morning tea where she shared insights about the critical role bees and other pollinators play in food systems and the environment – and helping build the rural-urban connection by offering practical tips on how everyone, whether farmers, backyard gardeners or inner city residents can take steps to support pollinators. Earlier in the week the Foundation won the prestigious global prize for outstanding achievement in this area – The Golden Bee Award – congratulation to the Foundation for all your tremendous work.



## Rabo Client Council members and community partners attend Beef 2024

Beef is done and dusted for another 3 years with an impressive 119,324 people through the gates of the Rockhampton Showgrounds over the course of the 7 days from 5 to 11 May. The profile of the event was raised even higher by the launch of Beef TV. Community partners George the Farmer and Are You Bugged Mate were in attendance at the Rabobank Marquee 'Beef Bites' sessions to share their passion for helping 'Grow healthy rural communities'. Together with his family, client council member Ardie Lord (from the Northern Queensland & Northern Territory Rabo Client Council) delivered inspiring insights during a Rabobank 'Beef Bites' panel discussion, 'Aligning families, growing wealth and protecting legacies'.

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*Pictured: Rabo Community Fund Committee members; Glenn Wealands, Lara Gray, Sally Bull and Monica Dickey with Boys to the Bush team members; Adam DeMamiel and Ben Walsh at the Boys to the Bush Wagga Wagga official launch*

## Boys to the Bush official launch in Wagga Wagga

Members of the Rabo Community Fund and Regional Manager, Riverina, Sally Bull attended the Boys to the Bush Wagga community hub launch which was seed funded by the Rabo Community Fund. This centre which provides crucial youth support services to the region is the team's 10th location and plans are underway to further expand its footprint. Boys to the Bush CEO Adam DeManiel also joined the Rabobank Sydney Office team to share first hand the experiences of the work they do, with Rabobank's help, to directly impact the lives of young boys in making stronger communities.



*Pictured: Business Transition & Succession Planning information session held in Dalby during April*

## Business Transition & Succession Planning Sessions

Through the input, guidance and piloting with several of the Rabo Client Councils, officially launched this year are the new Business Transition & Succession planning information sessions. These complimentary and interactive days provide practical information, such as why family and business communication is difficult and how to improve it, what makes a meeting work, and how to take account of differing family goals. These sessions also have the positive ripple effect extends beyond individual farms. Rural and regional communities' benefit from a healthy local farming sector. The two information sessions delivered to-date in Dalby and Cooma have been very successful. There are seven more planned before year's end.

## Register your interest

Are you interested in joining either a Financial Skills workshop or a Business Transition & Succession Planning information session? Join the expressions of interest mailing list.

**Financial Skills Workshops**



**Business Transition & Succession Planning Information Sessions**



## What the Australian Rabo Community Fund continues to support and has approved in 2024:

Advancing Beef Leaders (ABL) Foundation, Australian Skin Cancer Foundation (Skin Cancer Truck), Holbrook Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC), Australian Agricultural Centre, Royal Flying Doctors Service (SA Fundraising), HealthWISE Health Checks

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## Rabo Client Council Meetings

**8** out of **16**  
meetings

1 Client Council Chairs & Deputy Chairs Meeting  
5 May – Upper North Island (in Hamilton)  
6 May – Lower South Island (in Gore)  
16 May – Lower North Island (in Feilding)  
30 May – Upper South Island (virtual)

*Pictured: (left to right) Craig Whiteside, Donna Arnold, Nicky Anderson, Robin Oakley, Tam Jex-Blake, Mark Chrystall, Larissa Brown, and Johan Van Ras.*



## Financial Skills Workshops

**18** out of **30**  
workshops

\* Year to date

**362**

total participants

\* Year to date

*Pictured: Full house at the Blenheim Financial Skills Workshop.*

## Client Council Chairs Meeting

On the 28 and 29 of May, the Rabo Client Council Chairs and Deputy Chairs Meeting was held in Wellington. The agenda also included guest speakers the Ministry for Primary Industries and government relations agency Thompson Lewis. The meeting wrapped-up with a tour of Parliament and a Beehive meeting with the Trade and Ag Minister Todd McClay.



*Pictured: (left to right) Jody McCullough with Whanaka House Volunteers and Michial (dairy trainee).*

### Whanake House Dairy Farming Training Programme

Through funding from the Rabo Community Fund, the Dairy Farm Training Programme was established to help young people with high functioning disabilities get employment into the dairy sector. Michial Todd a recent trainee of the programme, completed his training and secured a job on a dairy farm. A special mention and acknowledgment of thanks goes out to combined great work of the Lower South Island Rabo Client Council and the Rabobank Southland team.



*Pictured: Lower North Island AgPathways participants.*

### AgPathways Programme

The AgPathways programme aims to develop young farmers skills and contacts so they can advance their careers in the agricultural sector. Two AgPathways programmes have gone ahead in Q2. A massive thank you to the Lower South Island Rabo Client Council, Lower North Island Rabo Client Council, and all Rabobank team members involved. The AgPathways programme is continually growing and improving each year, the team are looking forward to hosting next the group of young farmers.



*Pictured: Lead by Hadley Edwards, graduates recently participated in a fork and talk event.*

### Grassroots Dairy Graduate Management Programme

The Rabo Community Fund is a proud supporter of the Grassroots Dairy Graduate Management Programme (GDGMP) aimed at recent graduates who are ambitious and motivated to activate their dairying farming career. GDMGP is an employment-based initiative in its third year designed to accelerate the growth of recent university graduates in the dairy industry.

#### What the Rabo Community Fund continues to support:

George the Farmer, Rural Riders, Growing Future Farmers, Financial Skills Workshops, Surfing For Farmers, Rural Support Trust, Garden to Table, Lincoln University, Meat the Need, Agribusiness in Schools, Safer Farms, Grassroots Dairy Graduate Management Programme.

#### What the Rabo Community fund has approved Q2:

Arkhangai Sheep Shearing and Wool Enhancement Project, Farm Break Event, Otago Farmers - Care Package, Te Ranga School Possum & Pest Hunt, Korakonui School Composting System, Peak Safety First Aid Course, AgPathways.

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## Q2, 2024 Australia & New Zealand

Date	Community Initiative	Location
<b>Australia</b>		
02 July	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Horsham, VIC
03 July	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Keith, SA
16 July	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Pittsworth, QLD
17 July	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - cattle (beef) & cropping (mixed)	Goondiwindi, QLD
23 July	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Finley, NSW
23 July	● Heart of Australia (Truck) - Health Checks	Mackay, QLD
24 July	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - sheep (wool) & cropping (mixed)	Coleambally, NSW
1-21 July	● George the Farmer Book Competition (with winners announced during Book Week (17-23 August))	National
05 August	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Longreach, QLD
06 August	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - cattle (beef) & sheep (wool)	Blackall, QLD
08 August	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Emerald, QLD
13 August	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - sheep (wool) & cropping (mixed)	Ongerup, WA
14 August	● Business Transition & Succession Planning information session	Albury, NSW
27 & 28 August	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
2 & 3 September	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
03 September	● Heart of Australia (Truck) - Health Checks	St George, QLD
04 September	● Business Transition & Succession Planning information session	Dubbo, NSW
05 September	● Business Transition & Succession Planning information session	Orange, NSW
5 & 6 September	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - sheep (wool) & cropping (mixed)	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
11 September	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - sheep (wool) & cropping (mixed)	Wee Waa, NSW
12 September	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - cattle (beef) & cropping (mixed)	Inverell, NSW
13 September	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - cattle (beef) & cropping (mixed)	Tamworth
17 & 18 September	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - cattle (dairy) & cropping (mixed)	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
19 & 20 September	● Financial Skills workshop: Gross Margin Analysis and Cash Flow Budgeting - cattle (beef) & cropping (mixed)	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
27 & 28 September	● Holbrook Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC) - Health Forum supported by Riverina & Northern Victoria Rabo Client Council	Holbrook, NSW
09 October	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Arthurton, SA
10 October	● Financial Skills workshop: Measuring Financial Performance	Spalding, SA
21 October	● Business Transition & Succession Planning information session	Roma, QLD
22 October	● Business Transition & Succession Planning information session	Tambo, QLD
23 October	● Business Transition & Succession Planning information session	Emerald, QLD
25 October	● Business Transition & Succession Planning information session	Charters Towers, QLD
TBC	● Australia Rabo Client Council Chair & Deputy Chair Meeting	Canberra, ACT
14 & 15 November	● Heart of Australia (Truck) - Health Checks	Roma, QLD
<b>New Zealand</b>		
01 July	● Financial Skills Workshop: Understanding Financial Performance	Invercargill
02 July	● Financial Skills Workshop: Understanding Financial Performance	Te Anau
03 July	● Financial Skills Workshop: Understanding Financial Performance	Gore
04 July	● Financial Skills Workshop: Understanding Financial Performance	Heriot
10 July	● Peak Safety First Aid Course	Motu
16 July	● Peak Safety First Aid Course	Feilding
24 July	● Peak Safety First Aid Course	Apiti
17 July	● Quad Bike Initiative: Safer Rides	National
29 July - 5 August	● George the Farmer Book Competition (with winners announced on 16 August)	National
31 July	● Financial Skills Workshop: Taking Control of your Numbers	Masterton
07 August	● Financial Skills Workshop: Taking Control of your Numbers	Gore
08 August	● Financial Skills Workshop: Taking Control of your Numbers	Te Anau
09 August	● Financial Skills Workshop: Taking Control of your Numbers	Winton
15 October	● Financial Skills Workshop - module content TBC	Pukekohe
16 October	● Financial Skills Workshop - module content TBC	Dargaville
17 October	● Financial Skills Workshop - module content TBC	Whangarei
30 October	● Financial Skills Workshop: Taking Control of your Numbers	South Canterbury
31 October	● Financial Skills Workshop: Taking Control of your Numbers	North Canterbury

 Rural Wellbeing	 Long-term Industry Capacity and Agricultural Education	 Rural / Urban Connection
 Natural Disaster Resilience	 Environmental Sustainability	 Adaption / Disruption